

## Summary of Changes to the U-FLI Rulebook V3.0

Section #	Rulebook Wording	Intent
<p>1.3 Participant Eligibility</p>	<p><b>Participant Eligibility</b> To be eligible to participate in U-FLI events, an individual must register as a “Participant” with U-FLI (<a href="https://www.u-fli.com/handlernew.php">https://www.u-fli.com/handlernew.php</a>). Participants must be in good standing with U-FLI. A Participant who is not in good standing with U-FLI will have their Participant status terminated.</p> <p><b>Determinations Regarding Participant Eligibility and Standing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The U-FLI Board of Directors will determine whether an individual is eligible to be a Participant and/or whether a Participant is in good standing with U-FLI. The Board may, for cause, deny or terminate an individual’s status as a Participant. The Board’s decision with respect to an individual’s status as a Participant is final and may not be appealed.</li> <li>2. The U-FLI CEO may submit to the U-FLI Board of Directors a written complaint alleging that an individual is not eligible to be a Participant or that a Participant is not in good standing with U-FLI. The complaint shall contain a short and plain statement of the allegations and grounds for denying or terminating Participant status. Grounds for denying or terminating Participant status include, but are not limited to, violation of any law or any U-FLI, host site, or host clubs’ rules, policies, or bylaws.</li> <li>3. Within 10 business days after receipt of the complaint, the Board of Directors will: (a) provide a copy of the complaint and any attachments to the individual or Participant; and (b) notify the individual or Participant that he/she may submit a written response to the complaint within 10 business days of the notification.</li> <li>4. The Board may, for cause, suspend a Participant’s ability to participate in any U-FLI events and/or prohibit a Participant from being present on the grounds of any U-FLI event pending the Board’s decision regarding his/her Participant status. Grounds for such a suspension include, but are not limited to, allegations of unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive treatment, or other similar safety concerns.</li> <li>5. Within 30 business days after either the individual or Participant submits a written response to the complaint or the deadline to submit a written response has passed, whichever occurs first, the Board of Directors will make its decision regarding the individual’s eligibility or the Participant’s status (as applicable).               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In making its decision, the Board of Directors will consider all information that it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the complaint, the individual or Participant’s written response (if any), and U-FLI’s Rules and Regulations.</li> <li>b. The Board of Directors may issue any resolution that it deems appropriate, up to and including permanent denial or termination of Participant status.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. U-FLI will provide to the individual or Participant a copy of the Board of Directors’ written decision.</li> </ol>	<p>Clarify Participant eligibility and standing.</p>
<p>1.4 Types of Teams</p>	<p>Once a dog has competed with a club’s Regular Team, it is ineligible to race with a different club’s Regular Team for a period of <u>90</u> days.</p>	<p>Updated the number of days from 120 to 90.</p>

1.5 Classes of Competition – Pre-Flight Singles Class	Dogs entered in this class are not required to use the full 7-minute period, however once the dog that is listed on the Pre-flight Entry Form leaves the ring, the Pre-Flight time is over. Teams may not substitute another dog for the dog listed on the Pre-flight Entry Form during the 7-minute time frame.	Additional verbiage to further clarify only dog entered in pre-flight can use pre-flight time.
2.3 Teams	Of the four dogs selected to run in a heat, the dog with the shortest jump height recorded on the timesheet will determine the minimum jump height for the entire team during each heat. Teams will forfeit any heats run at a lower jump height than what is recorded on their timesheet.	Addition of verbiage clarifying jump height and forfeiture of any heats run at a lower jump.
2.9 False Starts	<p>False starts will be limited to one per race, per team. A false start occurs when any part of the first dog's body passes the Start/Finish line before the start sequence has been completed. When the first false start occurs, from either team; the head judge shall stop the heat, an infraction shall be indicated with a marker on the light tree, and the start sequence will begin again.</p> <p>If a second false start is called against the same team in the same race, an infraction shall be indicated, the heat will continue, and the dog will be required to rerun at the end of the line-up for the heat to be considered complete.</p> <p>If a second false start occurs concurrent with the opposing team's first false start any time during that race, the opposing team's first false start supersedes the team's second false start. The heat shall be stopped, an infraction shall be indicated with a marker on the light tree, and the start sequence shall be restarted.</p>	Includes addendum to rules regarding false starts published 07/11/19
2.10 Breakout	If a team runs faster than the designated breakout time, the team will receive a loss for that heat, no U-FLI points will be awarded, and records will not be recognized. If a team breaks out three times during the tournament, the team will no longer be eligible for placement in the division and all remaining races will be scored as losses. The team will continue to receive U-FLI points for all non-breakout races. Breakout times will be recorded in the Standard and Variety divisions and can be used as the championship qualifying seed time.	Provided clarification regarding teams that breakout 3 times and times are still recorded for Standard/Variety teams.
3.2 Conduct of Dogs	Any dog excused for aggression may not participate in another U-FLI event until the reinstatement process is followed. Each reinstatement will be reviewed by the U-FLI Rules and Regulations Committee on a case-by-case basis.	Addition of language regarding reinstatement process.
7.5 Affinity Award	<p>The Affinity Award program allows competitors to combine points earned from any flyball sanctioning organization worldwide with U-FLI Points to earn titles.</p> <p><b>Qualifications for Affinity Titles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including your U-FLI points, earn a minimum of 20,000 combined points from any flyball sanctioning organization worldwide to be a recipient of the Affinity Award System.</li> <li>• Register as a member of the Affinity Award System (online) for a one-time fee of \$25.00 per participant (not per dog). See Schedule of Fees - Appendix A.</li> <li>• Submit your completed Affinity Award Form, summarizing all sanctioned flyball organization earned points to <a href="mailto:affinity@u-fli.com">affinity@u-fli.com</a>.</li> <li>• Run in a minimum of two (2) U-FLI tournaments, over two (2) separate weekends, over the course of one (1) year.</li> </ul>	New section – adding in the addition of the Affinity Program.

## Affinity Program Titles

Points	Program Title
20,000	Affinity Launch
35,000	Affinity Orbit
50,000	Affinity Star
75,000	Affinity Comet
100,000	Affinity Eclipse
150,000	Affinity Galaxy
200,000	Affinity Super Nova
250,000	Affinity Quasar
300,000	Affinity Mega Star

- All awards will be issued quarterly each year.
- Certificates will be issued and mailed at no charge to the participant.
- Optional pins and plaques for each title may be ordered separately and paid for by the participant. See Schedule of Fees - Appendix A.

### 7.6 U-FLI Records

U-FLI recognizes and records U-FLI Records in the Standard class of competition. The U-FLI Record Validation process must be followed:

- The event is sanctioned by U-FLI.
- The DTS was fully operational and used during the heat.
- The U-FLI Record Validation Process is followed immediately after the completion of the heat and prior to another heat or race beginning.
- The U-FLI Record Validation Form is approved by the U-FLI Validation Committee.

Video from all approved Standard Class U-FLI Record heats will be posted to the U-FLI website.

Any run time that is faster than the current U-FLI record will not be posted to the website unless a video recording is submitted, and all U-FLI record procedures are followed and validated. In instances when no recording is submitted for validation, the U-FLI recorded time will be changed to .001 slower than the current recorded U-FLI record time.

#### Validation Procedure:

Team Obligation:

A recording of the race must be taken and meet the following specifications:

- The camera must be positioned such that the Validation Committee has a clear view of the start/finish line and can make a confident determination about the validity of the passes.
- The recording must be of good quality. Poor quality recordings that do not provide a clear view of the heat will not be accepted.
- The video must show a continuous, unedited recording of the heat. It must show the entire heat and the time as displayed on the DTS (score table time or display). At a minimum, the green start light from the DTS tree must be in view during the entire heat.

Immediately After the Record Heat:

- The record time will display immediately on the DTS. The team and the judge will be made aware immediately.
- The recording should be turned over immediately to the judge/U-FLI rep/or board member (if present)..

Updated the wording in this section to reflect modern verbiage and further clarify validation process

- Recording will be reviewed immediately if possible. If not possible, the recording will be emailed to U-FLI at [admin@u-flt.com](mailto:admin@u-flt.com). Recording cannot be password protected.

The Head Judge must:

- Stop racing, once the heat is over, to complete the validation process.
- Verify with all ring judges that there are no outstanding infractions.
- Copy the time from the DTS onto the U-FLI Record Validation Form.
- Ensure that the proper jump height was used by comparing the team's time sheet and/or the Height Measurements recording sheet for that event to the actual set jump height for the heat.
- Verify that the lane has been measured using a measuring tape (steel tape preferred) and that at least 51' in length, measure from the Start/Finish Line to the front-most edge of the flyball box was obtained. The flyball box must be no less than 51' from the Start/Finish Line.
- Witness that the team's recording of the heat is immediately given to the U-FLI Representative.
- Complete and sign the U-FLI Record Validation Form and submit it immediately to the U-FLI Representative.

The U-FLI Representative will:

- Be in control of the recording at all times.
- Give a copy of the recording to the Validating Committee.
- If two or more independent Validation Committee members are present at the event, the recording can be sent directly.

The U-FLI Validation Committee will:

- Review and validate the recording and the signed U-FLI Record Validation Form.
- Review each pass. Early passes (i.e., any part of the incoming dog passes the plane of the start sensors before any part of the returning dog passes the plane of the return sensors) whether indicated by the DTS or not will be a disqualification.
- Validate each dog has carried the ball completely across the start/finish line.
- Validate no part of the handler or any object that the handler is carrying crosses the plane of the start/finish line.
- Verify that each participating dog has a valid RUN and that the Club and all participating dogs and handlers are in good standing with U-FLI.
- If all U-FLI Record Criteria have been met, approve the U-FLI Record Validation Form, and recognize that heat as a U-FLI Record and post the recording of the heat on the U-FLI website.
- If the record cannot be validated for any reason, convert the time of the run to a "no time" (NT) on all U-FLI records as well as the U-FLI website. Wins, losses and placements shall not be changed.

If two or more independent U-FLI Validation Committee members are present at the event in which a record time is recorded, and appropriate equipment for viewing the submitted recording are available, the Validation Committee members may view the recording, and all submitted documents at the conclusion of the event and approve the U-FLI Record Time on-site.

The Validating Committee shall be independent of the U-FLI Record applicant team.

8.2 Announcement of Tournaments	To be fair to all participants, host clubs may not begin taking entries until the tournament is approved and listed on the U-FLI website.	Additional verbiage added regarding accepting of entries.
8.6 Schedules	If the host club prefers, they may generate their own schedule. When the tournament entries close the host club must alert the U-FLI Sanctioning department of their intention to create their own schedule. U-FLI will work with the host club and supply the tools and support to create the schedule to meet U-FLI standards. Host club generated schedules must be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the tournament date for approval.	Added in information regarding host teams creating their own schedules.
8.7 Awards	Title award plaques will be mailed to Tournament Directors of events throughout the year based on timing and shipping costs.	Added in information regarding title plaques.
10.1 Overview	To compete in the Annual Championship Tournament, clubs will have to meet eligibility requirements, which are reviewed, updated, and published each year on the U-FLI website. Please refer to the website for the current year's guidelines.	Added in verbiage that guidelines are published annually on the website.
Appendix C	Official Forms	All forms have been updated and added back into the rulebook.